

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests consideration and entry of the above amendments even though presented after a final rejection. Applicant submits that the amendments represent patentable subject matter over the cited prior art, and do not raise new issues or require a new search. Further, consideration and entry of the amendments may place the claims in better condition for appeal, if necessary, by reducing the outstanding issues. The amendments were not presented earlier in the prosecution due to a better understanding of the Examiner's position as reflected in the latest Office Action.

Claims 16-25 stand in this application. Reconsideration and allowance of the standing claims are respectfully requested.

Claims 16, 18, 20-22 and 24-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over USPN 6,532,538 (Cronk) in view of USPN 6,157,534 (Gallagher). Accordingly, claims 16 and 21 are amended herein to recite that the server blade is implemented as a single board.

The Examiner states in his Response to Arguments, "Gallagher discloses a server [10] having a plurality of server processing modules [28] each being ... essentially a tiny computer." Applicants submit, however, that each of those "tiny computers" is not disclosed in Gallagher as being implemented in a single board.

The Examiner also states in his Response to Arguments that Applicants had not claimed the device implemented as a single board and indicates that because Applicants have not explicitly included that language in the claims, he believes Gallagher discloses the server blades as claimed. Accordingly, Applicants have amended independent claims

16 and 21 herein to explicitly recite that the server blade is implemented as a single board and Applicants believe that the amended claims are patentable.

Applicants note that Cronk and Gallagher, either alone or in combination, fail to disclose at least a server blade being implemented as a single board. As correctly stated in the Office Action, Cronk fails to disclose a “server blade” as recited in the claimed subject matter. Also, as was previously stated herein, Applicants submit that each of the “tiny computers” of Gallagher is not disclosed as being implemented in a single board. For at least that reason, it can be appreciated that Cronk and Gallagher both fail to disclose the claimed subject matter, whether taken alone or in combination. Removal of the rejection for claims 16, 18, 20-22 and 24-25 is therefore respectfully requested.

Claims 19 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cronk in view of Gallagher, and further in view of USPN 6,536,669 (Memmont). Applicants note that Memmont also fails to disclose a “server blade implemented as a single board” as recited in amended claims 16 and 21. Because claims 19 and 23 depend from claims 16 and 21 respectively, and claims 16 and 21 are thought to be patentable, Applicant submits that claims 19 and 23 are patentable.

For at least the reasons cited herein, Applicants submit that claims 16-25 recite novel features not shown by the cited documents. Further, Applicants submit that the above-recited novel features provide new and unexpected results not recognized by the cited documents. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the claims are not anticipated nor rendered obvious in view of the cited documents.

It is believed that claims 16-25 are in allowable form. Accordingly, a timely Notice of Allowance to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 724-933-3387 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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